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1. On 2 April 1951 a meeting of 61 Albanian delegates was held in Titograd, under the direction of the deputy head of the Communist Party Central Committee of Titograd and four UDB officers, for the purpose of organizing a Politico-Economic Committee of Albanian refugees residing in Yugoslavia.*
2. The meeting was opened by the leader (referred to as Vido), who stated that the assembled delegates represented between 6,000 and 7,000 Albanians who had escaped to Yugoslavia.
3. The principal Albanian speaker was Fahri Repishti, [redacted] who spoke of the advantages of having a new committee under Yugoslav protection, which would "guarantee the territorial integrity of Albania, show real friendship for its people, and protect the country from such Western-sponsored organizations as the Committee for Free Albania, which are beset by intrigue and whose policies tend toward separatism." 25X1
4. Elections were then held by secret ballot and Fahri Repishti was elected president of the political sub-committee. Mark Ujka [redacted] 25X1
 [redacted] was elected vice-president. Gjon Kici [redacted]
 [redacted] was elected president of the economic sub-committee, along with two assistants. 25X1
5. The following objectives were established for the political sub-committee:
 - a. Organize into one group all Albanian refugees in Yugoslavia who desire to collaborate in the struggle against the Cominformists in Albania.
 - b. Select trusted men for missions into Albania to contact resistance groups and coordinate their activities with those of the political committee in Yugoslavia.
 - c. Work in collaboration with the UDB of Titograd and hold one meeting each month with a UDB Colonel (unidentified) in Cetinje.

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- d. Send into Albania, with the help of the Yugoslavs, small arms, hand grenades, machine guns, explosives and munitions to be stockpiled with trustworthy individuals until time for use.
 - e. Bring into Albania propaganda material for distribution.
 - f. Attempt to defect important military and political figures in the Albanian Government and assist in their escape to Yugoslavia.
6. The objectives established for the economic sub-committee are:
- a. Give material and medical assistance to newly-arrived refugees from Albania.
 - b. Assist the refugees to find work in Yugoslavia according to their abilities.

7. [redacted] the Politico-Economic Committee was formed by the Yugoslavs to give them more control over the activities of Albanian refugees in Yugoslavia, particularly those engaged in organizing raids into Albania on their own or with the help of minor UDB officers who do not coordinate their activities with superior officers. [redacted] the Yugoslavs have had considerable difficulty with team discipline, especially of those teams sent into Albania with propaganda material. Although instructed to accomplish their missions without coming into contact with Albanian border guards if possible, the teams reportedly often go out of their way to look for the guards and engage them in small arms encounters, some of which last for several hours.
8. [redacted] in spite of the presence of Sigurimi units stationed along the frontiers (instead of regular Albanian Army men) it is said to be relatively easy for such teams to assist Albanians to escape across the border.

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